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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-15

an apparatus for forming a compacted powder slug coated with a film comprising a piston having a front face with a concave recess and a square edge around the circumference of the front face

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2. claim: 16

An apparatus for forming a compacted powder slug coated with a film comprising a film preconditioner for temporarily retaining and heating the film

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3. claims: 17,18

An apparatus for forming a compacted powder slug coated with a film comprising a platen with at least one aperture proximate to the pockets to allow a vacuum to be formed between the platen and the film

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4. claims: 19-25

An apparatus for forming a compacted powder slug coated with a film comprising a platen with a recessed surface between a plurality of raised edge profiles each forming a circumference of a pocket

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5. claims: 26-32

An apparatus for forming a compacted powder slug coated with a film comprising a turntable for holding the platen and rotatable to transfer the platen from one station to another station

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6. claims: 33-35

An apparatus for forming a compacted powder slug coated with a film comprising a gasket for receiving and retaining the compacted powder slug to transport and release it to a desired location

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